

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR: Hopkins *et al*
FOR: CARDIAC VALVE REPLACEMENT

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REQUEST FOR FILING A DIVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

1. This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b).
(Check the appropriate boxes and supply the requisite information)
This application is a:
☐ Continuation; ☒ Divisional; ☐ Continuation-in-part of prior application
2. Priority to the above application(s) is claimed under:
☒ 35 U.S.C. §120
Prior application information: U.S.S.N. 09/828,768, filed 4/9/01 and U.S.S.N. 60/195,673 filed 4/7/00.
Examiner: Javier G. Blanco; Group Art Unit: 3738.

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

3. ☒ Specification and Drawings (Total pages:35):
Specification (25 pages); Claims (3 pages); Abstract (1 page); and
Drawings: 6 sheets; FIGS. 1A-6B.
☒ Formal
☐ Informal
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration (Total pages: 3):
(a) ☐ Newly executed (original)
(b) ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

5. ☒ Forms 1449 filed with Information Disclosure Statements for U.S.S.N 09/828,768 filed on 7/16/01; and Notice of References Cited mailed on 9/25/02.
6. ☒ Small Entity Status is applicable for the filing of this application.

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7. Fee Calculation:

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	22	- 20 =		\$18.00	\$ 36.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	6	- 3 =		\$86.00	\$516.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))				\$290.00	0
				SUBTOTAL:	\$1,322.00
				Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:	-\$661.00
				TOTAL FEE:	\$661.00

8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$661.00 is enclosed.
9. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 21486-027DIV:
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard Enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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